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M/R: Briefing of Dr. BRUECKNER by [ ]

At 1400 on 11 June 1956 [ ] under the name of [ ] met Dr. BRUECKNER in room 136 Administration Building and discussed with him the Soviet Intelligence Service, its functions and methods of operation.

Discussions were mainly concerned with patterns of Soviet operations and suggestions as to how RU operations possibly differed from those of the KGB.

The main part of the afternoon was, however, taken up in discussions of specific cases in which [ ] under the name of [ ] the main participant. The Levitsky case was singled out.

Brueckner stated that lack of coordination, and withholding of information could probably be considered the main factors responsible for general dissatisfaction with the case. Brueckner said that the Germans were not informed of the case until it was well underway and then when the Germans were brought into the case, he (Brueckner) was never given the complete story as to what had happened. He was shifted from office to office and never had a chance to talk to the case officers who were actually in on the case. He recommended that in the future in any important case he (or his men) be allowed to talk directly to the person or persons who knew most about the case. He believes that he will only get a partial story from liaison officers.

Brueckner also said that failure to bring the case to a satisfactory conclusion might also partially be attributed to the haste with which certain arrests were made. (E.G. Levitsky was arrested before he had a chance to pass incriminating papers to Lammert. Levitsky could prove his right to the papers whereas Lammert could not.)

Brueckner said it was also unfortunate that [ ] was in Switzerland when the case broke as Brueckner felt [ ] could have coordinated the case much better than it had been coordinated.

[ ] opined that the Germans didn't seem to take some of the statements which the Americans provided re. Levitsky and his meetings too seriously. Brueckner said that he felt the Americans had a source highly placed which they were unwilling to expose—but lacking any evaluation of the source of US information, the Germans were reluctant to take at face value statements which may have come to the Americans from refugees or other persons whose reliability might be questioned.

(Note: At night over drinks, Brueckner said that had the Americans come to him during the course of the case and explained exactly how they received their information, he would have protected the source and would have issued orders to his men to keep after Levitsky until he broke.)

Other cases which were discussed were the Geuther case, Liehermann and Winklmüller case.

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The Germans are playing the Liebermann case through (Frau Winklmüller ?) but they are not certain that she is playing a straight game.

                    

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1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.

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